

FAIR OPENED WELL

FIRST DAY OF FAIR BETTER THAN FORMER OPENING DAYS.

Immense Crowd Looked for Today to Hear Harvey, the Renowned Champion of the Foodie's Money—He will Speak at 2 O'clock from the Grand Stand—A Good Race Program for Today and Plenty of Sport Besides—Art Hall Makes a Fine Showing—Cattle Show Very Complete—Day in Detail.

At 6:25 this morning William Harvey of Chicago, author of "Coin's Financial School," and renowned champion of the people's money metal, will arrive over the Santa Fe and will immediately proceed to his headquarters at the Carey hotel.

At 2 p. m. he will address the people from the grand stand at the fair ground and there is no doubt but what he will be greeted by thousands of people as a great work in opening the eyes of the plain people of America to the conspiracy of the Anglo-American gold bugs to fasten the yoke of financial slavery upon the necks of the common people.

It is not often that the people have a chance to listen to a man so worthy of attention and it is to be hoped that thousands of them will turn out.

The Second Annual State Fair opened up yesterday under the most favorable auspices which promise to continue during the week.

It was said to be the best opening day of any fair ever held in Wichita so far as attendance and the excellence of the program are concerned.

The weather was all that could be desired, cool enough to make the racing good and not too cold to cause discomfort to the spectators.

The grounds were absolutely covered with various exhibits including everything one could conceive of and all remarked that it was the best display they had ever seen on the grounds.

The best of feeling prevailed and not a word of complaint was heard either against the management of the fair or the program of the day.

It is too early yet to describe the exhibits in detail, but on the aggregate they exceed anything heretofore seen on these grounds.

The live stock exhibit is attracting a great deal of attention and is the agricultural products exhibits.

Today a large crowd is expected not only on account of the presence of Mr. Harvey, but also on account of a hot program in the racing ring.

THE RACES.

Only two events were on the card for the entertainment of the public yesterday, the opening day of the great Kansas state fair, but these two were characterized by red hot racing and whipping finishes. Promptly at 1:30 o'clock the best starter 1 the west, W. P. McNair, tapped the bell for the starters in the 240 trot and seven notable harness performers lined up for the word.

After several scores they got away to a line start with Valencia at the pole which he held to the first turn where Lady Lays on and took the lead, carried him to a break and took the pole position, which she maintained clear around to the wire, the brown stallion Greener finishing second. Time of the heat 2:29.4.

The favorite, Gordon Cummings, had made no move for this heat but when they got the word on the first score on the second, he shot to the front and it was all over but the shouting. Cummings finishing first, Lady Lays second and Valencia third. Time, 2:20.4.

The third and fourth heats were but repetitions of the second. Lady Lays never could get to Cummings wheel and he won well himself, lowering his record in the fourth heat to 2:19.4.

Gordon Cummings, 2:19.4, is a bay stallion by Kaiser, son of George Wilkes, and was developed solely driven in this race by Mr. Holdridge, one of our local trainers.

After two heats had been trotted in the 240 class the 215 pace was sandwiched with the trot. The paces carried a little bit rocky but got off after considerable scoring, with John Kinney at the pole. At the quarter Hurxthal pushed Juliet to the front and took the pole, followed by Billy the Twister. These positions were held to the wire, Juliet finishing pulled up in 2:15.3. The second heat was the same as the first, Juliet finishing first, with Onward Towell close up in second place, Billy the Twister a good third. Time, 2:15. In the third heat Hurxthal stepped his mare down to the half in 1:38.4 where Onward Towell came up and challenged her, but the best he could do was to make the Bonnie Clay fifty come home the last quarter at a 2:08 clip. Time of the heat 2:15.

Summaries follow:

First race, 2:24 trot, \$300.

Gordon Cummings 1 1 1

Lady Lays 2 2 2

Greener 3 4 3

Valencia 4 5 4

Konle 5 6 5

Dick Hubbard 6 7 6

Fair Laura 7 8 7

Time, 2:20.4, 2:20.4, 2:19.4.

Second race, 2:15 pace, \$500.

Juliet 1 1 1

Onward Towell 2 2 2

Billy the Twister 3 3 3

King Lug 4 4 4

Russell T 5 5 5

Russell Frisby 6 6 6

John Kinney 7 7 7

Etta B 8 8 8

Time, 2:15.3, 2:15.3, 2:15.3.

TODAY'S RACES.

Two-year old pace—purse \$200: Mary H. b. f. Ruby Ryan, blk g. Mazzanilla, b. f. Concorce, s. s. Prince Charles s. g. Topsey S. ch m.

2:36 trot—purse \$500—Arabian Boy, br g. Herena, b. m. Fancy Falstaff, b. g. Nordic, b. s. Sunshine Prince, s. g. Lady Westbrook, b. m. Obel, br g. Lulu Dalaney, b. m. Avignon, b. s. Prince B. b. m. Dick Hubbard, b. g.

Special race—purse \$500—Cavendish, b. g. Silver Snuggs, blk s.

AMONG THE HOGS.

D. M. Jones, superintendent of the swine division, says that the present display has never been equalled in Kansas, either as to quantity of quality. Mr. Jones has been superintendent of this division for fourteen years. The following exhibitors have stock in the pens and the judges will have close work

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picking out the ones entitled to the blue ribbon. The state fair association not only have offered liberal premiums, but several special premiums have been offered:

L. H. Matson of Kechi, Kan., has five head of Poland Chinas.

The Cherry Orchard Herd of Marion, Kan., has sixteen head of Poland Chinas.

W. S. Sims & Sons of Wichita came next with eight head of Chester Whites.

Irvin Stratton of Wichita has nine head of Poland Chinas on exhibition.

Elm Beach Stock Farm, Sedgewick county, Irwin & Duncan, proprietors, have nine head of Poland Chinas.

The Sunny Slope Stock Farm, Cross & Leliefred, proprietors, Emporia, Kan., have thirty-nine head of Poland Chinas.

B. L. Blodgett & Sons of Beatrice, Neb., have the following breeds on exhibition: Nine head of Chester Whites, seven Berkshires and one Poland China. One hog in the herd weighs 700 pounds.

Kansas Valley Poland China herd of Kinsley, Kan., P. A. Pearson, proprietor, have twenty-five head of choice hogs in the pens.

Reno county herd, L. F. Knappenberger, proprietor, Chanawana, Kan., have fifteen head of Poland Chinas.

Bailey Brothers, proprietors of the Royal Herd of Poland Chinas of Wichita, have fifteen of their best hogs on exhibition, headed by Royal King, No. 11,754.

Dawson Brothers, Endicott, Neb., have sixty-five head of swine on exhibition composed of Poland Chinas, Chester Whites and Berkshires. The herds are headed by What's Wanted, Online and Trinidad, respectively.

Champion herd of Poland Chinas, R. S. Cook of Wichita is represented with thirty-one head. This herd took several prize medals, eight shown at the world's fair, for pigs under one year of age.

The Garden Valley herd of Halstead, Kan., K. N. Eriksen, proprietor, have eighteen of Poland Chinas, headed by Susie Bell, No. 8,016.

This makes 217 head of thoroughbred hogs on exhibition divided as follows: Poland Chinas, 267; Chester Whites 37; Berkshires 12.

NOTES.

Large delegations are expected tomorrow from Peabody, Topeka, Winfield and Hutchinson.

Tom Covey got in yesterday with Troubadour, 2:15.4, and W. L. 2:16.4.

Troubadour will make a great race in the free for all with Pat L. 2:15; Guy L. 2:15, and Governor Strong, 2:15.4.

The great western free for all pacer, Kansas 2:10.4, is on the grounds and will start in the free for all pacer. Kansas has gone a mile in 2:13.4 over a half mile track and a trial mile in 2:05, so he should lower the track record here of 2:10.

TOLER'S SALE.

The auction sale of the Toler Stock Farm horses will commence promptly at 9 o'clock Thursday morning at the fair grounds. The horses are now on the grounds and can be found at stalls Nos. 99 to 115, where intending buyers can get catalogues and any other information desired.

WILL COME TO WICHITA.

Ringling Brothers have about secured the Burton Car works.

J. O. Davidson was seen by a reporter for the Eagle yesterday and asked what the prospects were for Ringling Brothers securing the Burton Car works.

Mr. Davidson said that he had telegraphed them and that one of the brothers would probably be here today. He seemed to think that it was about settled that the great show would winter in Wichita.

He said they had good buildings at Burton and they wanted to know how much damage would be done to the buildings before closing the contract and it was for that purpose that Mr. Ringling was coming. They would talk it over and close the trade.

Alfred Ringling said when here that they could winter their show about \$6,000 cheaper in Wichita than in Wisconsin and it is more than probable if they secure the buildings at Burton that they will winter here for years to come. They use a great deal of oats hay and beef, all of which can be secured here more cheaply than further north.

WILL SPEAK IN KENTUCKY.

Populists in the South want Mrs. Lease to Help Them.

Mrs. Mary E. Lease drove down to the fair grounds yesterday morning in her carriage and while here she was called in to get her mail she talked pleasantly to a reporter for the Eagle.

"Yes," she said, "I have been at home three days resting from my work in Missouri. I find that the Eagle is making quite a reputation as an advocate for the free coinage of silver. Colonel Murdock has been writing some splendid editorials and I am glad of it. Silver is now the issue in the south and west."

"I have just agreed to go to Kentucky and deliver ten speeches on the silver and labor question. I will probably make my first speech in Louisville about the 14th or 15th of this month."

"Governor Harbin, the Democratic nominee is an out and out silver man and of course I will not have anything to say against him. It doesn't make any difference what party a man is in provided he is right."

"What we want is for every man who is for the free coinage of silver to stand up for it on every and all occasions. S. M. Crayton the Democratic nominee for secretary of state is also for silver and I suppose the majority of the people in Kentucky are for free coinage but of course I do not know."

"The Populists down there have nominated a ticket but it is hardly possible they can elect it. They are, however, keeping up the campaign of education and they are right and the truth will finally prevail."

Mrs. Lease is enjoying the best of health and she will doubtless give the people of Kentucky something to think about when she is given the opportunity to speak to them.

THEY DIDN'T WANT HIM.

Charles Adams was fired from the Police Force yesterday.

"You will have to go," said Commissioner Leverage to police clerk Adams yesterday. "You have done your duty, but we concluded that your heart was not in the cause and we voted to let you go."

"I have tried to do my duty and I guess I have done pretty well," said Charles, "but you are quite right if you mean that my judgment does not endorse these prosecutions."

Then faithful Charles Adams walked out and Walter Dyer whose heart is supposed to be in the cause represented by Tiger Bill took his place.

Charles Adams went home to his little children whose mother is in an insane asylum and when they gathered around him and put their little arms around his neck the father looked sad.

He has seen better days, and when his wife was well and taking care of their little children he owned a good home and he would not have accepted the position which Leverage and Keck said he could not now hold.

Misfortune however came to him not singly but one following fast upon another and now the unimportant position from which he had just been driven was bread for his little ones.

Mr. Dyer is a very nice young man and few people will regret his appointment but there are a good many people in Wichita who will wish that Charles Adams, for himself and for his children could have kept the place.

Captain Denton of Alva, was a visitor at the fair grounds yesterday. Mr. Denton never fails to attend a Wichita fair.

GIVES THEM A SHOW

WANT A RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR THE TOPEKA CAPITAL.

Case was Before the Federal Court Yesterday—Creditors Claim that J. K. Hudson Owns the Paper and that it is a Family Affair—Judge Williams Hears the Case and Determines to Give the Mortgagees a Chance to Show Good Faith—Master in Chancery Appointed to Take Testimony—Receiver will Not be Appointed.

The matter of appointing a receiver for the Topeka Capital came up before Judge Williams in the United States district court yesterday and occupied the attention of the court for a greater part of the day.

It looked at one time very much like Judge Williams intended to appoint a receiver but at the critical moment C. C. Baker, first mortgagee turned the tables in favor of J. K. Hudson by putting in a plea that the appointment of a receiver would depreciate the value of the property and endanger his security.

"Well," said Judge Williams, "that makes a difference." It was understood by the applicants for the receivership that the mortgagees did not object to the appointment of a receiver and they so stated and when C. C. Baker, by his attorney, J. D. McFarland, of Topeka, entered the objection, the attorneys on the other side claimed that Baker had deceived them, that he had given them to understand that he did not object to the appointment of a receiver.

The proceedings were instituted by J. E. Baker of St. Louis, who holds a personal judgment against J. K. Hudson and he made the Topeka Capital Publishing Co., a party to the suit and asked that a receiver be appointed. The Capital Co., and J. K. Hudson were represented by R. E. Welch and W. P. Doniphant and E. S. Quinton for J. K. Hudson.

Grounds for the application were based on the grounds that Major Hudson was the actual owner of the Capital and that the corporation was formed for the purpose of standing off his creditors, but they did not sustain this charge.

Mr. Quinton addressed the court and stated that he had been paid \$14,337 and that at the present time there were mortgages and claims against them to the amount of \$77,497 and that no report had been made since June 2, 1891, and that no meeting of the directors had been held for four or five years. He asserted that J. K. Hudson and his family were drawing the earnings of the paper in salaries and that the plant was probably worth \$60,000.

Mr. Welch repudiated any intimation that Major Hudson had done anything but what was right. He declared that his reputation among the people with whom he lived was such that no man would accuse him of a dishonest business transaction. He stated that the Topeka Capital Co., was formed in June, 1890 and an affidavit of J. K. Hudson was read which stated that owing to the financial depression the property had not been able to make

more than one dividend since that time. He claimed that Baker was a creditor of an individual stockholder and he ought not to be allowed to have a receiver appointed because if Hudson owns this plant as plaintiff avers then he has a remedy at law. He declared that there were other stockholders who had subscribed and paid for stock in good faith and now to put the Topeka Capital into the hands of a receiver would wipe out their interests in it. He admitted that J. K. Hudson had placed seventy-two shares in the hands of J. R. Mulvane to guarantee the payment of mortgages.

Mr. Quinton answered by saying that this proceeding was not brought against J. K. Hudson as an individual stockholder but as the owner of the property. He seemed to think that J. K. Hudson and the Topeka Capital Co. were all one and he said that the seventy-two shares of stock had been put in Mulvane's hands at his own request and the mortgagees had never consented to it nor had they agreed to relieve any claim against the property. He claimed that this was an equitable proceeding against the property of Hudson and the interests of no one else could be interfered with.

Mr. Welch testified to the court that the corporation was paying its debts when Judge Williams said the claim seems to be set up that Hudson is insolvent and the corporation solvent and that the corporation was conceived in iniquity and brought forth in sin.

He was evidently getting ready to appoint the receiver when C. C. Baker entered his objection.

Judge Williams said that in order not to prejudice the rights of the mortgagees he would not appoint a receiver at this time but if the mortgagees were not closed at once he should make the appointment, and S. E. Isenhardt was appointed master in chancery to take further testimony in the case. The position taken by Judge Williams was that he would neither appoint a receiver nor refuse to appoint but would await developments.

The first mortgage held by C. C. Baker is for \$19,000 and it was also stated that Mr. P. B. Plumb holds a mortgage for \$17,000 against the Capital. It used to be held that this claim of Plumb's was not a legitimate claim but that Mr. P. B. Plumb was a reporter for the Eagle that Mr. Plumb held a legitimate mortgage and she would force collection.

Mr. Tilford's smiling countenance is again very much in evidence at the gate of the fair grounds where he watches the purpose of standing off his creditors, but they did not sustain this charge.

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HIS NECK IS SAVED

OLYDE MATTOX'S DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED BY CLEVELAND.

He will Now Proceed to Serve Life Imprisonment for the Murder of John Mullen at Oklahoma City Six Years Ago—President Cleveland in Extending Clemency Takes Occasion to Give Him a Red Hot Turning Over—Mattox and His Mother are Disappointed—They Seem to Have Wanted Absolute Pardon.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says that: "The president today commuted to imprisonment for life the death sentence imposed upon Clyde Mattox of Kansas, who was sentenced to hang on the 11th inst., for murdering John Mullen, a colored man. The commutation resulted from a personal appeal made by the mother to the president. In the indictment the president says: 'It is with much hesitation that I can show any measure of clemency in this case inasmuch as I do not regard this convict as entitled to any sympathy because of his former life or testimony taken on his trial. I have concluded, however, after anxious and perplexing consideration of all the facts presented to me to save the convict from death awaiting him under the sentence of the court, and at the same time effectually protect society in future against his vicious propensities by directing imprisonment during life. I am constrained to this course simply and solely because I cannot shut out the fear that certain testimony offered upon his trial and excluded by the court, and which a strong minority of the supreme court held should have been received, might if admitted, have produced a result more favorable to the convict and probably averted his sentence of death.'"

The mother of Mattox was at Leavenworth when the news of the commutation of sentence was received and it is reported from then that she, as well as her son, were very much disappointed as she, at least, had an idea that the president would give her son full pardon.

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